

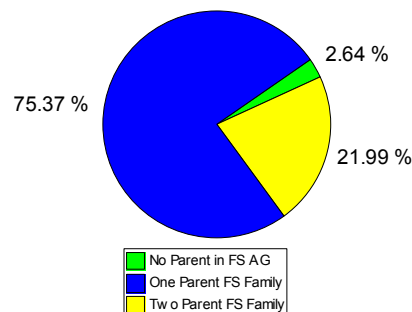
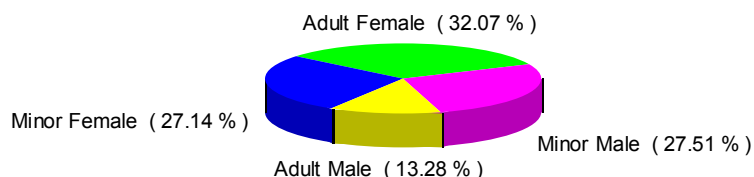
# Wisconsin Food Stamp Program At a Glance

All data is for (or as of) the month of August, 2002<sup>1</sup>

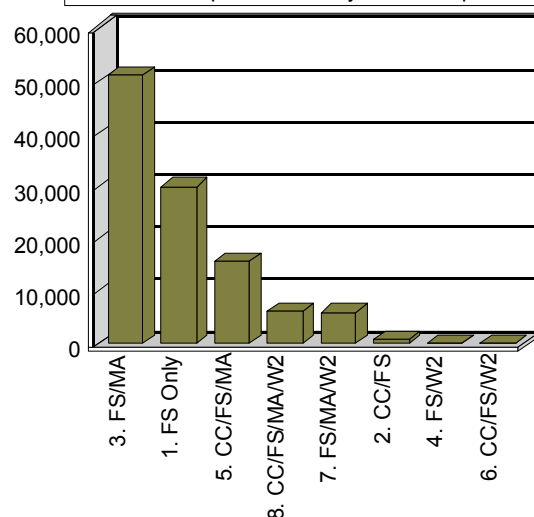
## Who gets food stamps in Wisconsin?

- **Poverty:** 5% of the 5.4 million people in Wisconsin receive FS.<sup>2</sup> On average from 1998 - 2000, 8.8% of the state population was at or below the federal poverty rate.<sup>3</sup>
- **Assistance Groups (AGs) and Recipients:** 110,035 Assistance groups are made up of 273,894 individuals. The AG size increased slightly again for the second straight month. There are an average of 2.5 people in an AG.
- **Gender:** 59% are female and 41% are male.
- **Adults/Minors:** 45% are adults while 55% are minors. 60% of AGs have minors in them.
- **Minors and Their Parents:** Of the AG's that contain minors, 75.37% have one parent in the AG, 21.99% have two parents, and 2.64% have no parents in the household. "Parent" is defined as a biological parent.
- **Case Composition:** The graph on the right shows other types of CARES issued assistance that a FS AG receives.

Adult Status and Gender Chart



Number of Open FS AGs by Case Composition

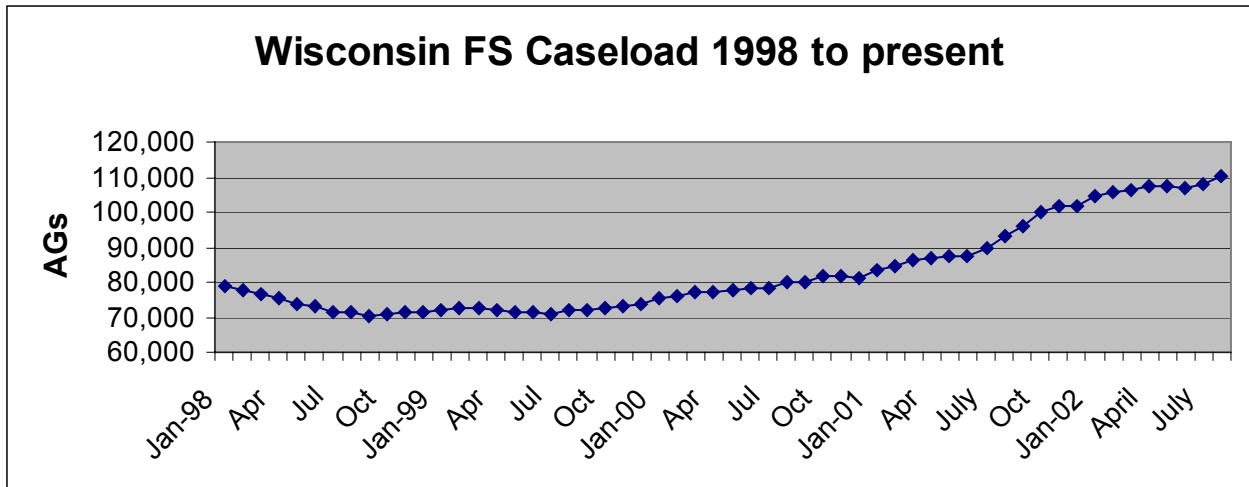


<sup>1</sup> Source: DWD/DWS FS Data Warehouse

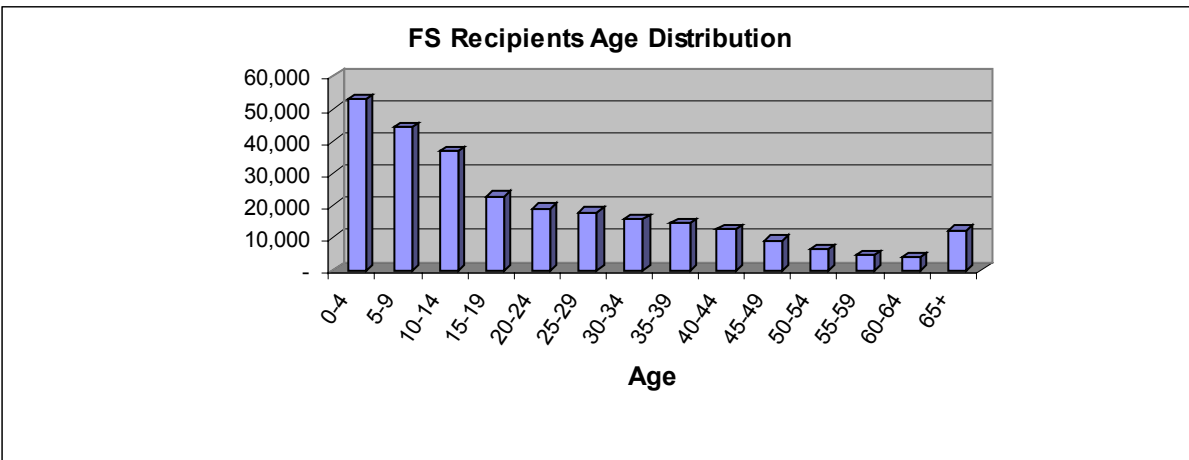
<sup>2</sup> Source: U.S. Census Bureau, <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/55000.html>

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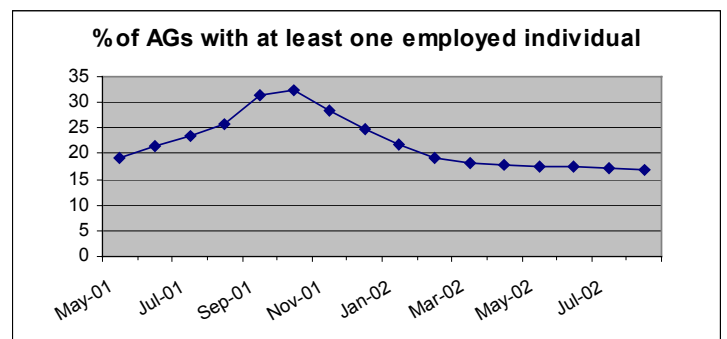
- **Historical Caseload Trend:** The statewide caseload had been increasing at a steady rate since May of 2000. After slight decreases in the summer months, the caseload increased for the second month in a row.



- **Age Distribution:** The chart below shows the number of FS recipients by age, in ranges of 5 years. The largest age group is comprised of children under age 4.



- **Elderly/Disabled:** 17.2% of FS recipients are either elderly, blind, or disabled. 42% of AGs contain at least one individual that is either elderly, blind, or disabled.
- **Work/Earnings:** 17% of the AGs have at least one person working. The average monthly earned



income of those AGs' is \$984.<sup>4</sup> 32.3% of adult FS recipients are employed. The unemployment rate in Wisconsin for August 2002 is 5.2%.<sup>5</sup>

- **Allotments:** A total of \$16.9 million in food stamp benefits were allotted for the month. The average allotment amount per AG is \$154. The average allotment for AGs that contain an elderly, blind, or disabled member is \$91. However, 20% of the caseload only receives between \$0 and \$10 in allotments.

Allotments have increased an average of 16% in the last 12 benefit months.

- **Quality Control Error Rate Data:** For FFY 2001, Wisconsin's error rate was 13.14 %. The national average was 8.66%. The average error rate so far for FFY 2002 (October 2001 - May 2002) is 12.5%. Previous years' data is found below:

